

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

V.

KEVIN TRUDEAU,

Defendant.

Case No. 03-C-3904

Hon. Robert W. Gettleman

## FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION’S RESPONSE TO TRUDEAU’S MOTION TO TRAVEL

Defendant Kevin Trudeau has moved for permission to leave the Northern District of Illinois to attend a Global Information Network (“GIN”) event in Boston, MA from May 22 to 28, 2023. ECF No. 1031. As the FTC has emphasized—and the Court concluded in 2013—resuming Trudeau’s coercive incarceration is the only way to ensure he complies fully with the Court’s 2010 Order to Pay, ECF No. 372. Given that the proposed travel is more than three months away, and a considerable time after the March 8-9 proceedings, the FTC asks the Court to defer ruling on Trudeau’s request at least until those proceedings conclude. Although there is already a sufficient basis to resume coercive incarceration, deferring the decision on Trudeau’s travel motion will afford the Court an opportunity to consider additional evidence at the hearing that may affect the Court’s decision.

Furthermore, additional criminal proceedings may complicate Trudeau's ability to travel.<sup>1</sup> Among other things, criminal consequences may stem from Trudeau's contemptuous

<sup>1</sup> This response applies only to the instant motion to travel to Boston, MA in the civil matter and does not alter the FTC's position with respect to the Motion for Permission to Travel Internationally, filed in *United States v. Trudeau*, No. 10-cr-886 (N.D. Ill.).

failure to appear in the civil case. Specifically, that contempt likely violated Trudeau's "Special Conditions of Supervision," including the conditions requiring Trudeau to "cooperate in the collection of civil judgments issued against him" and to "abide by all court orders filed in any civil lawsuits in which he is named." *United States v. Trudeau*, No. 10-cr-886 (N.D. Ill.) (Document # 173 at 5). Consequently, the Court should defer ruling on the Motion to Travel, given the pendency of these issues.

Finally, to the extent the Court ultimately permits Trudeau's travel, the Court should make clear that, pursuant to the Court's Order To Pay, Trudeau must document his earnings from the seminar and turn them over to the FTC immediately. Notably, Trudeau suggests turning over only 40% of his salary and bonuses to the FTC, including only 40% of what he may earn at the GIN event. ECF No. 1031 at 2. However, the Court ordered Trudeau to pay \$37,616,161 "forthwith" (ECF No. 372), and endorsing any lesser arrangement impermissibly modifies that order. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 60(b).

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Respectfully Submitted,

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